

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 are in the case.

With this amendment, Claim 1 has been revised to further state that it is the tractor unit with the drive wheels and that the internal combustion engine is operative to drive the drive wheels of the tractor unit. Applicant has also revised the claims to eliminate the restriction of the batteries being mounted on the tractor unit.

Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

The primary reference of Moll et al discloses an all electric tractor trailer unit wherein the internal combustion engine is utilized slowly to generate electrical power which is transmitted directly to the various drive wheels. In other words, the system proposed by Moll et al utilizes only a single drive source. There is no mention of a hybrid type vehicle such as disclosed by Applicant with one source of power for driving the tractor unit and a second source of power for driving the trailer unit. It is also noted that Moll et al does not discuss the use of any batteries whatsoever.

The secondary reference of Long III et al discloses a conventional hybrid arrangement as used in an automobile. There is no discussion of a tractor trailer unit and it is respectfully submitted that there is nothing within the four corners of this reference which would be pertinent to modifying the primary reference.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in order for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,

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